

WHEREAS, Governor Mitch Daniels and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has requested the assistance of local elected officials to refine INDOT's process of selecting new highway construction projects and to identify priority projects; and

WHEREAS, Indiana transportation planners first suggested an improved highway between Evansville and Indianapolis during the 1940s; and

WHEREAS, federal transportation legislation passed in the 1990s made the link between Evansville and Indianapolis a national priority as part of a Canada to Mexico interstate highway; and

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana, through INDOT, has established that I-69 shall be constructed along a new direct route from Evansville to Indianapolis; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Evansville to Indianapolis section of I-69 is to provide an improved highway link between Evansville and Indianapolis which will strengthen the overall transportation network in Southwestern Indiana, support economic development in Southwestern Indiana, and complete the national I-69 project; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Evansville to Henderson, Kentucky, section of I-69 is to provide sufficient cross-river mobility in the Evansville and Henderson, Kentucky, area, strengthen the transportation network in the tri-state area of Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois, and complete the national I-69 project; and

WHEREAS, the United States Federal Highway Administration has issued a record of decision approving the direct route for I-69 from Evansville to Indianapolis; and

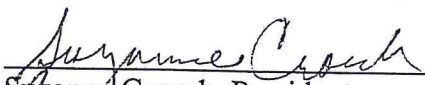
WHEREAS, the undersigned units of local government believe that the construction of I-69 from Evansville to Indianapolis is a project that has statewide significance and that the project will be a catalyst for tremendous economic growth in Southwestern Indiana; and

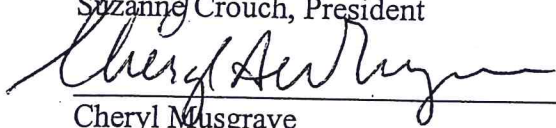
WHEREAS, the undersigned units of local government stand ready to assist the State of Indiana and one another in the planning for the I-69 link from Evansville to Indianapolis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Vanderburgh, Gibson, Posey and Warrick Counties, the Mayors of Evansville, Princeton, Mt. Vernon and Boonville, and the Evansville Urban Transportation Study, the regional MPO, that Governor Mitch Daniels and INDOT make I-69 the highest priority project for the State of Indiana and proceed in the most efficient manner.

ADOPTED this 2nd day of June, 2005.

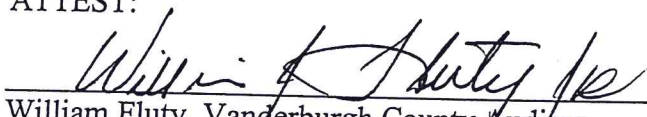
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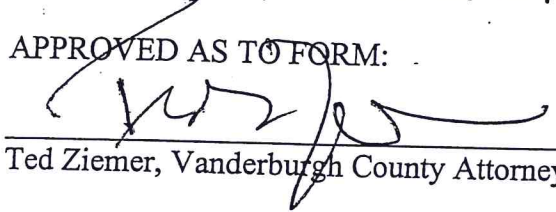

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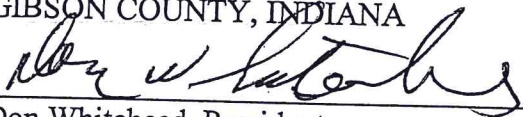
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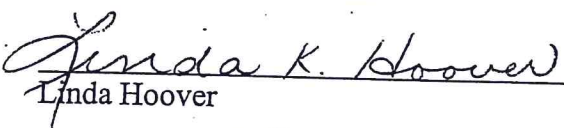

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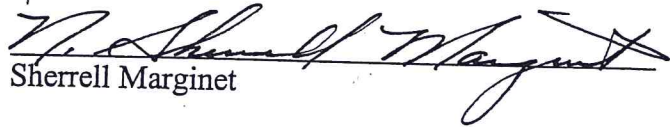
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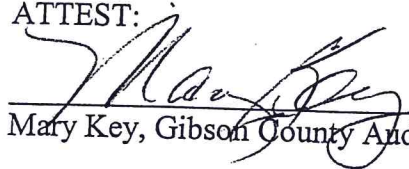
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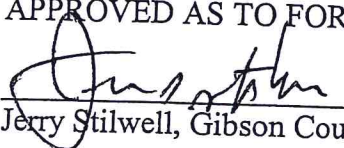

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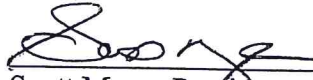
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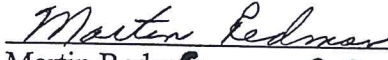

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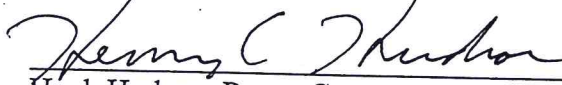

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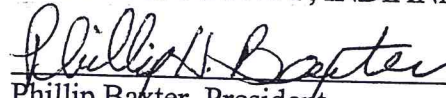
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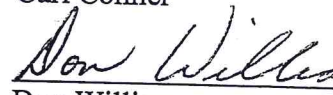
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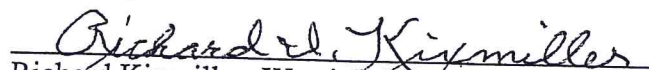
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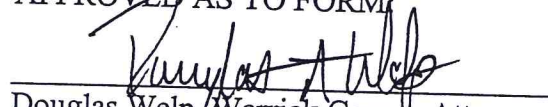

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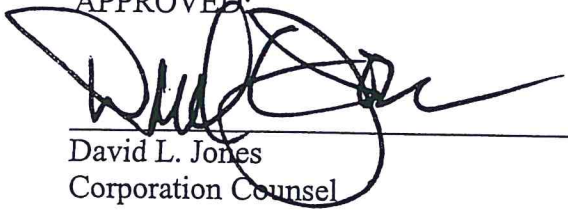
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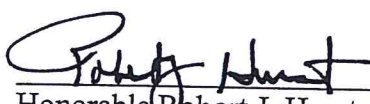
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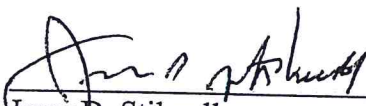
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COMMISSIONER RESOLUTION 2005-07 DATED 6-15-2005

June 16, 2005

Thomas O. Sharp
Commissioner
Indiana Department of Transportation
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Dear Mr. Sharp:

In a May 24th press release, you requested the assistance of federal, state and local elected leaders, business leaders, and citizens to refine the Indiana Department of Transportation's (INDOT) process of selecting new highway construction projects.

Enclosed is Southwestern Indiana's response to your call. The Board of Commissioners of Gibson, Posey, Vanderburgh and Warrick Counties, the Mayors of Princeton, Mt. Vernon, Evansville and Boonville, and the Evansville Urban Transportation Study have unanimously endorsed the following resolution supporting the construction of Interstate 69 (I-69) between Evansville and Indianapolis.

Thank you in advance for your support of extending I-69 from Indianapolis to Evansville. Please do not hesitate to contact any of the undersigned elected officials should you wish to discuss this matter in further detail.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Weinzapfel
Mayor
City of Evansville

Suzanne Crouch
President
Vanderburgh County Commission

Enclosure(s)

Cc: The Honorable Mitch Daniels
Governor, State of Indiana